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SUBJ: ECOSOC -- NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS MEETING

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1. ACTION WILL BE COMPLETED AT FRIDAY A.M. MEETING OF NGO COMITE ON TWO UK PROPOSALS. THE FIRST, TRANSMITTED REFTTEL, RECOMMENDS TO ECOSOC THAT THE COMITE MEET BIENNIALY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECOSOC RES 1768 (LIV) ON RATIONALIZATION. NETHERLANDS DEL HAS SUGGESTED MODIFICATION TO ENABLE COMITE TO MEET IN 1975 AND THEREAFTER EVERY OTHER YEAR. HOLDING MEETING NEXT YEAR WILL ENABLE SYG TO ADVISE NGOS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS AND THOSE SEEKING STATUS RE NEW SCHEDULE. WILL ALSO PROVIDE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER FORMULATION NEW APPLICATION PROCEDURES SHOULD THAT BECOME NECESSARY GIVEN TIME LAG IN FUTURE BETWEEN SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION AND COMITE SESSIONS. SEVERAL OTHER COMITE MEMBERS AND NGO LEADERS PRESENT AT MEETING INDICATED MODIFICATION ACCEPTABLE AND IT APPEARS COMITE MAY REACH CONSENSUS DECISION ON THIS PROPOSAL. US DEL WILL SUPPORT UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY BY DEPT.

2. SECOND UK PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE SYG REPORT ON RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (SCC) AND THE INT'L
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CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU) ON THE ONE HAND

AND THEIR ASSOCIATES OF AFFILIATES ON THE OTHER HAND. IT IS
SUGGESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE USED BY THE COMITE TO
AVOID GRANTING OF INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIVE STATUS TO GROUPS
ALREADY REPRESENTED THROUGH THE WCC OR ICFTU. THIS PROPOSAL
COULD CONCEIVABLY PLACE IN DOUBT THE STATUS OF ORGANIZATIONS
ALREADY HAVING CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COUNCIL.
WE HAVE SPOKEN INFORMALLY WITH UK DEL WHO HAS AGREED TO RE-
VISE PROPOSAL SO THAT THESE TWO GROUPS REPORT TO THE COMITE
ON THE STRUCTURE OF THEIR NETWORK OF ASSOCIATIONS AND AF-
FILATIONS, RATHER THAN HAVE THE SYG SEEK TO MAKE SUCH
JUDGEMENTS, AND THAT INFORMATION WILL BE USED ONLY TO HELP DECIDE
ON FUTURE APPLICATIONS FOR STATUS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT UK
PROPOSAL WILL BE ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS AND WE SHALL NOT
OPPOSE UNLESS SO INSTRUCTED BY THE DEPT.
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